

German Test at the University of Bern for Admission at Bachelor Level

The German test takes place only at the beginning of the autumn semester.

For entry in the spring semester, evidence of a recognised German test must be presented.

Application

Registration takes place after timely application for admission to studies corresponding to the admission document of the University of Bern. In due course you will receive detailed information about the test, including a registration form which allows you to confirm your registration for the test in writing.

Registration deadline for entry in autumn: 31 July
Written and oral exam dates: calendar week 35

Registration for the German test is mandatory and is confirmed in writing.

Submit your application to the studies as early as possible to allow sufficient time for it to be processed and so that any application to the German test can be made on time.

Requirements for passing the test

To pass the test, you must have sufficient knowledge of the German language, spoken and written, active and passive, at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages ([self-assessment grid](#)) and a broad, partly academic vocabulary.

In preparation, we recommend the website of the [Goethe Institute](#) for the C1 certificate.

The test at the University of Bern is an abridged version of a C1 test.

Examination fee

There is a fee of 50 CHF.

Exam success

You remain registered pending the outcome of the German test. Final matriculation occurs on passing the German test.

If you do not begin studying immediately after the German test, your result remains valid for admission to the University of Bern for 5 years.

Nonattendance or failure

If you cannot attend the German test, you must withdraw from the test in writing no later than 10 days before start of test at the Admissions Office. After that, a withdrawal is possible only with a written statement of reasons and evidence.

Unexcused nonattendance or cancellation of the test is treated as equivalent to not passing the test. If you fail the exam, your application will be revoked and you will not be registered. In such a case, the attendance of lectures is permitted only as an **auditor of lectures**. Language courses are not open to auditors, and any attendance is not counted toward a degree.

After two failures, the test can only be applied for in the context of a new application to the University of Bern after a period of at least 5 years.